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REMARKS

Upon entry of the instant Amendment, Claims 1-19 are pending. Claims 1, 6, and 13 have been amended, and dependent claim 19 has been added, to more particularly point out Applicants' invention. No new claim fees are due, as Applicants have paid for twenty claims with the filing fee.

Claims 1-18 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting over claims 1-25 of U.S. Patent No. 6,145,083. Applicants will consider filing a terminal disclaimer if allowable subject matter is indicated.

Claims 1-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Miller et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,550,968 ("Miller") in view of "Official Notice" as set forth in paragraph 5 of the Official Action. Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is not taught, suggested, or implied by Miller or Official Notice, either singly or in combination.

As discussed in the Specification, and in response to the previous Official Action, the present invention relates to a Telephony over LAN (ToL) system having a graphical user interface (GUI) wherein an authorized or guest user may be *locked within a ToL window, having access to the ToL features, but denied access to other parts of the computer system*. According to certain embodiments, the terminal user or subscriber may click on a "Guest" button on the ToL client GUI screen before leaving the computer. The ToL guest user may then execute the call normally. According to a first embodiment of the invention, the ToL client locks the user into the ToL client screen. Keystrokes and mouse cursor movements which would allow exiting the ToL client are prevented. According to a second embodiment, of the invention, the ToL client screen is "maximized" and the minimize or resize window functions are blocked. When the terminal subscriber returns, a password is entered to regain full access to the computer.

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Thus, claim 1 has been amended to recite "locking a guest user into said ToL client window by preventing unauthorized use of functions of said computer external to said ToL client window in said guest mode, while allowing access to features within said ToL client window;" claim 6 has been amended to recite "means for preventing an unauthorized user from accessing functions of said computer external to said ToL client window while allowing access to functions of said ToL client window;" and claim 13 has been amended to recite "wherein said microprocessor is programmed to monitor signals from said mouse controller and said keyboard controller and allow performance of functions related to ToL operations and not allow performance of other functions not related to ToL operations."

In contrast, neither "Official Notice" nor Miller have anything to do with preventing access to functions outside the particular application that is currently open while allowing access to functions within the window. Indeed, Miller does not even appear to recognize the desirability of preventing access to other applications outside a particular one. Instead, Miller relates merely to creating windows that have a region of obscuration within them. That is, Miller simply obscures portions of a window so that data cannot be read *within the window*. For example, in FIG. 4 of Miller, the Home Phone and Address entries in the window 40 are obscured (as compared to the corresponding fields in FIG. 3). Thus, a user of Miller could access other functions of the computer outside the window 40. The present invention, however, would prevent a user from accessing functions outside the particular application in use, i.e., outside the window 40. "Official Notice" is relied on merely for allegedly teaching use of a ToL window. Because, however, like Miller, the subject matter relied on does not relate to a system having a graphical user interface (GUI) wherein an authorized or guest user may be locked within a ToL window, having access to the ToL features, but denied access to other parts of the computer system, as generally recited in the claims at issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims.

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Newly added claim 19 depends from claim 6, and includes the added limitation "means for releasing said preventing means to allow full access to functions of said computer." Applicants respectfully submit that this claim, too, is allowable, for reasons similar to those discussed above.

For all of the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully requested,

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